

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jürgen Hug  
For : APPARATUS FOR DISCHARGING LOAD CARRIERS  
Atty Docket No. : MAN03 P-114

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Dear Sir:

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Applicants hereby claim the priority benefits under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, basing said claim of priority on German patent application Serial No. 10328555.5, filed on March 31, 2003.

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119 and Rule 55(b), a certified copy of the above-listed German patent application will be filed with the Patent Office before grant of a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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